Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 26 Feb 2022 until 23:59 on Sunday 27 Feb 2022

Forecast Issued on Saturday 26 Feb 2022 at 04:31 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very windy conditions on Saturday. Lower confidence for timing and extent of rain on Sunday then high for developments next week with more settled conditions by mid-week.

Headline for Saturday 26 Feb 2022: Very windy with storm force winds at height. Patchy light rain.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 26 Feb 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Dull	Dull	Dull	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

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Weather: Cloudy across most ranges with outbreaks of light rain or drizzle, falling as sleet or snow above 1000m. Driest conditions across ranges north of Torridon with a few fleeting bright spells possible there. Hazardous conditions at height with severe gale or storm force winds.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Mainly 30%, but 60% in far north.

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud and fog rather extensive above 700m with patches on lower slopes near the west coast. Cloud more broken with higher bases across ranges north of Torridon and across to Ben Wyvis. Rather hazy below the cloud base.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	61/71 SW	59/70 S	51/63 S	53/65 S	57/71 S	58/72 S	57/72 S
900	57/67 SW	54/65 S	47/59 S	49/61 S	53/66 S	54/68 S	54/68 S
600	41/50 SW	38/49 S	33/45 S	34/47 S	36/50 S	37/52 S	37/52 S
300	8/48 SW	8/46 S	8/43 S	10/48 S	12/51 S	13/52 S	14/53 S
Glen	18/39 S	18/39 S	19/41 S	23/46 S	23/47 S	23/47 S	23/48 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-10	-0/-10	0/-9	0/-9	-0/-10	-0/-10	-1/-11
900	1/-9	1/-9	1/-8	1/-8	1/-9	0/-9	0/-10
600	4/-4	3/-4	4/-3	4/-3	4/-4	3/-4	3/-5
300	6/3	6/3	6/4	6/4	6/2	6/2	5/1
Glen	8/4	8/4	9/5	9/5	9/4	8/4	8/4
Freezing Level*	1200m	1100m	1100m	1000m	1000m	1000m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds will be the main feature to consider with gusts of 70 to 90mph giving and serious and potentially dangerous conditions on high slopes. Sudden violent gusts will also affect low slopes at times.

Forecast for Sunday 27 Feb 2022

Weather: Rain, heavy at times with snow above 700m, spreads east overnight. The rain turns light and patchy before clearing erratically northwestwards during the day. Outbreaks of rain, snow on Munros, then spreads east in evening.

Maximum wind: Southerly 50mph, gusts 80mph overnight, easing to 20mph gusts 30mph during the morning. Increasing again to southerly 40-50mph, gusts 75mph through the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% in morning, improving to 70% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud and fog above 500m in the morning with very poor visibility in snow on high slopes. Cloud breaking up through the afternoon leaving patchy summit cloud but becoming more extensive again in the evening. Away from cloud, often poor in the morning but becoming mainly good in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5C rising to 7 or 8C.
At 800m: 0C to plus 1C.
Freezing level: 800m, rising to 1000m.

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